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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 7061

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS IR CD

SUBJ: MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CHAD

REF: TEHRAN 6960

1. DCM MET WITH ACTING HEAD OF MFA 4TH POLITICAL DIVISION MOSHIRI AUG 9 AT LATTER'S REQUEST TO BE INFORMED OF A CHADIAN REQUEST FOR IRANIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE. MOSHIRI SAID THAT THE CHADIAN AMB IN PARIS HAD APPROACHED THE IRANIAN AMB ON AUG 5 STATING THAT CHAD HAD REQUESTED MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM THE UNITED STATES-- EXPLAINING ITS URGENT NEED WAS DUE TO INTERNAL REBELLION IN THE NORTH AND LIBYAN INCURSIONS. ACCORDING TO THE IRANIAN AMB'S REPORT OF THE CONVERSATION THE USG TOLD THE GOVT OF CHAD THAT IT WAS AGREEABLE IN PRINCIPLE AND THAT IT MIGHT RESPOND VIA IRAN AND SUGGESTED THAT CHAD APPROACH THE GOI DIRECTLY. MOSHIRI SAID THAT THE MATTER HAD BEEN LAID BEFORE THE SHAH WHO HAD RESPONDED THAT HE WAS AGREEABLE TO PROVIDING MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO CHAD IF THE USG WISHED. MOSHIRI'S PURPOSE IN SUMMONING THE DCM WAS SIMPLY TO CONVEY THE SHAH'S DECISION TO US AND TO AWAIT ANY FURTHER WORD WE MIGHT HAVE WITH RESPECT TO WHAT SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT WE MAY HAVE IN MIND, TIMING AND OTHER MODALITIES.

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2. DCM CONFIRMED THAT WE HAD AGREED TO EXAMINE CHAD'S REQUEST FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND THAT IN PRINCIPLE WE WERE INCLINED TO RESPOND FAVORABLY. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY DECISION ON OUR PART TO RESPOND VIA IRAN ALTHOUGH HE KNEW THAT THE SUBJECT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH SEVERAL FRIENDLY COUNTRIES. MOSHIRI EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS INFORMATION AND SAID THAT THE BASIC THOUGHT HE WISHED TO CONVEY WAS THAT THE GOI WAS IN PRINCIPLE FAV-

ORABLY INCLINED TO HELP CHAD WITH MILITARY EQUIPMENT. THE BALL IS
NOW IN OUR COURT.
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